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I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 57/77 of 22 November 2002, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", the General Assembly decided to give urgent consideration to the issues involved in conventional arms control at regional and subregional levels and requested the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the subject and to submit a report to it at its fifty-eighth session.

2. Pursuant to that request, a note verbale dated 25 February 2003 was sent to Member States requesting their views on the subject. To date, a reply has been received from Colombia. Any further replies received will be issued as addenda to the present report.

II. Replies received from Member States

Colombia

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The Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations wishes to state that, in the view of the Government of Colombia, paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 57/77 on conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels, requesting the Conference on Disarmament to consider the formulation of principles that can serve as a framework for regional agreements on conventional arms control, might provide an opportunity for the Conference to resume part of its activities and to break the deadlock that has paralysed its work over the past three years. In any case, the Government of Colombia believes that such framework principles should take into account the internal security requirements and current military spending levels of each country in the region or subregion.